USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

Allowable and Non-Allowable Expenditures

Allowable Expenditures
- Operating Costs (90% + of total grant award)
  - Fresh fruits and vegetables (includes delivery charges)
    - Whole pieces (requiring preparation)
    - Whole pieces (ready to eat)
    - Pre-packaged, ready to eat individual portions
    - Pre-cut bulk packaged
  - Fresh(not canned or dried) vegetables, not normally eaten raw, can be cooked as part of a nutrition education lesson no more than once per week
  - Low-fat and non-fat dips for vegetables
  - Non-food items:
    - Paper supplies: napkins, plates/boats, soufflé cups
    - Plastic eating utensils
    - Cutting boards and knives
    - Serving bowls and trays
    - Cleaning supplies
    - Trash Bags
    - Small Carts
  - Wages/salaries and benefits for employees who do tasks of washing, chopping produce, preparing trays, distributing produce to classrooms, setting up stations, vending machines, and cleanup.
- Administrative Costs (up to 10% of total grant award)
  - Purchasing or leasing equipment used for FFVP, or repair of FFVP-designated equipment:
    - Refrigerators
    - Coolers
    - Portable kiosks and food bars
    - Small and large carts
  - Wages/salaries and benefits for employees who perform administrative tasks for the FFVP (financial reports, write menus, coordinate nutrition promotion activities).

Non-Allowable Expenditures
- Food items: regular peanut butter, dip for fruit, fruit leather, jellied fruit, trail mix, nuts, cottage cheese, fruit or vegetable pizza, smoothies, other non- fresh fruit or vegetable related food (i.e. pizza dough to make fruit pizza, yogurt and granola for fruit parfaits, jarred salsa to add to avocado chunks)
- Nutrition education materials or equipment(ex. AccuCut die-cutting machine)
- Promotional items (including postage)
- Marketing materials
- Travel costs (field trip transportation, mileage reimbursement for picking up produce from a local farm, etc.)
- Field trip activity costs